

इयत्ता ९ वी व १० वी मध्ये शिकत असणाऱ्या अनुसूचित जातीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना भारत सरकारची मॅट्रीकपूर्व शिष्यवृत्ती योजना लागू करणेबाबत.

## महाराष्ट्र शासन

सामाजिक न्याय व विशेष सहाय्य विभाग

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### प्रस्तावना :

अनुसूचित जातीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांचे शाळेतील गळतीचे प्रमाण कमी व्हावे या उद्देशाने केंद्र शासनाने दि. १ जुलै, २०१२ पासून इयत्ता ९ वी व १० वी मध्ये शिकत असणाऱ्या अनुसूचित जातीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना भारत सरकार मॅट्रीकपूर्व शिष्यवृत्ती योजना सुरू केली आहे. सदरहू योजना ही राज्यात लागू करणेबाबत केंद्र शासनाने कळविलेले आहे. त्यानुसार सदरहू योजना राज्यात लागू करण्याची बाब शासनाच्या विचाराधीन होती. त्याप्रमाणे प्रस्ताव मा. मंत्रीमंडळासमोर सादर करण्यात येऊन मा. मंत्रीमंडळाने दिलेल्या मान्यतेनुसार पुढील आदेश देण्यात येत आहेत.

### शासन निर्णय:

केंद्र शासनाने त्यांच्या दि. २२/०६/२०१२ च्या पत्रानुसार भारत सरकार मॅट्रीकपूर्व शिष्यवृत्ती योजना ही इयत्ता ९ वी व १० वी मध्ये शिकत असणाऱ्या अनुसूचित जातीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी सुरू केलेली आहे. सदर योजना राज्यातील इयत्ता ९ वी व १० वी मध्ये शिकत असणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी सन २०१३-१४ या शैक्षणिक वर्षापासून लागू करण्यास मान्यता देत आहे.

१. सदर योजनेअंतर्गत शिष्यवृत्ती व इतर अनुदानाचे दर खालील प्रमाणे राहतील

अ. क्र.	योजना	वसतीगृहात न राहणारे (अनिवासी)	वसतीगृहात राहणारे (निवासी)
१	शिष्यवृत्तीचे दर (प्रतिमाह)	रु.१५०	रु.३५०
२	पुस्तके व तदर्थ अनुदान (वार्षिक)	रु.७५०	रु.१,०००

२. वरीलप्रमाणे शिष्यवृत्तीशिवाय विनाअनुदानित शाळेतील अपंग विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता अतिरिक्त भत्ते पुढीलप्रमाणे आहेत :-

अ. क्र.	भत्त्याचा प्रकार	मासिक भत्त्याची रक्कम
१	अंध विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी वाचक भत्ता	रु.१६०/-
२	वसतीगृहात न राहणा-या अपंग विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता वाहतूक भत्ता	रु.१६०/-
३	अपंग विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सोबत्याकरिता भत्ता	रु.१६०/-
४	अपंग विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मदतनीसकरिता भत्ता	रु.१६०/-
५	मंदबुद्धी विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता शिकवणी भत्ता	रु.२४०/-

३. सदर शिष्यवृत्ती योजनेअंतर्गत अटी व शर्ती पुढील प्रमाणे राहतील.

- १) सदर योजना शासकिय मान्यता प्राप्त शाळेत शिकत असणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांस लागू राहिल.
- २) सदर योजनेअंतर्गत शिष्यवृत्तीसाठी विद्यार्थ्यांच्या पालकांच्या उत्पन्नाची मर्यादा रु २.०० लक्ष इतकी असावी.
- ३) यामध्ये विद्यार्थ्यांच्या किमान गुणांची अट नाही.
- ४) सदर योजनेअंतर्गत विद्यार्थ्यांने अर्ज करणे आवश्यक आहे.
- ५) सदर योजनेचा लाभ केंद्राच्या इतर माध्यमिक पूर्व शिष्यवृत्तीच्या लाभार्थ्यांना लागू राहणार नाही.
- ६) या योजनेकरीता राज्य स्तरावर सहआयुक्त (शिक्षण), समाजकल्याण आयुक्तालय,पुणे यांना आणि जिल्हा स्तरावर जिल्हा समाजकल्याण

अधिकारी, जिल्हा परिषद व समाजकल्याण अधिकारी, (वर्ग-२) बृहन्मुंबई यांना तक्रार निवारण अधिकारी म्हणून घोषित करण्यात येत आहे.

- ७) राज्य शासनाची सावित्रीबाई फुले शिष्यवृत्ती ही योजना अनुसूचित जाती प्रवर्गातील इयत्ता ८ वी ते १० वी च्या सर्व मुलींसाठी सद्या सुरु आहे. त्यामध्ये पालकांच्या उत्पन्नाची मर्यादा नाही. मात्र केंद्र शासनाच्या इयत्ता ९ वी व १० वी मध्ये शिकत असणाऱ्या अनुसूचित जातीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना भारत सरकार मॅट्रीकपूर्व शिष्यवृत्ती योजनेमध्ये रुपये २.०० लक्ष इतके वार्षिक उत्पन्न असणाऱ्या पालकांच्या इयत्ता ९ वी व १० वी च्या मुलींचा समावेश होणार आहे. त्यामुळे अनुसूचित जाती प्रवर्गातील इयत्ता ८ वी च्या मुली आणि रुपये २.०० लक्ष पेक्षा जास्त उत्पन्न असणाऱ्या पालकांच्या इयत्ता ९ वी व १० वी च्या मुलींकरिता सद्याची सावित्रीबाई फुले शिष्यवृत्ती योजना यापुढेही चालू राहिल. मात्र एकाच लाभार्थ्यास दोन्ही योजनेचा लाभ घेता येणार नाही. त्याअनुषंगाने संबंधीत अधिकऱ्यांनी आवश्यक ती दक्षता घ्यावी.
४. सदर योजनेची अंमलबजावणी ही जिल्हा समाजकल्याण अधिकारी, जिल्हा परिषद व समाजकल्याण अधिकारी, (वर्ग-२) बृहन्मुंबई यांचे मार्फत करण्यात येईल.
५. सदर योजनेअंतर्गत शिष्यवृत्तीची रक्कम वितरीत करताना संगणकीकृत व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली वापरण्यात यावी.
६. सध्याच्या १२ व्या पंचवार्षिक योजनेअंतर्गत सदर योजनेकरीता केंद्र शासनाकडून १०० % निधी प्राप्त होणार आहे. मात्र त्यानंतर १३ व्या पंचवार्षिक योजनेअंतर्गत केंद्र शासनाच्या प्रचलित पद्धतीप्रमाणे राज्याच्या बांधिल दायित्वाचा (committed liability of state) आर्थिक भार राज्य शासनावर येणार आहे. त्याकरिता आवश्यक तरतूद सन २०१६-१७ या आर्थिक वर्षापासून अनुसूचित जाती उपायोजनेअंतर्गत (S.C.S.P.) राज्याच्या अर्थसंकल्पात करण्यात येईल.
७. सदर योजनेच्या अटी व शर्ती केंद्र शासनाच्या दि. २२.०६.२०१२ च्या मार्गदर्शक सूचनांप्रमाणे राहतील. सदर सूचनांची प्रत सोबत जोडली आहे.
८. सदर शासन निर्णय हा नियोजन व वित्त विभागाच्या (अनौपचारिक संदर्भ क्र. १८/व्यय-१४, दि. १२.०१.२०१३) सहमतीने निर्गमित करण्यात येत आहे.

सदर शासन निर्णय महाराष्ट्र शासनाच्या [www.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.maharashtra.gov.in) या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध करण्यात आला असून त्याचा संकेतांक २०१३१००४१६१२५६६८२२ असा आहे. हा आदेश डिजीटल स्वाक्षरीने साक्षांकित करून काढण्यात येत आहे.

महाराष्ट्राचे राज्यपाल यांच्या आदेशानुसार व नावाने.

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२. सर्व सन्माननीय विधानसभा / विधानपरिषद व संसद सदस्य.
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८. शासनाचे मुख्य सचिव यांचे स्वीय सहाय्यक.
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११. सर्व प्रादेशिक उपायुक्त समाजकल्याण विभाग.
१२. सर्व जिल्हा समाजकल्याण अधिकारी, जिल्हा परिषद.
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१४. संचालक, लेखा व कोषागारे, मुंबई.
१५. महालेखापाल, महाराष्ट्र - १/२, (लेखा परीक्षा / लेखा अनुज्ञेयता), मुंबई / नागपूर.
१६. अधिदान व लेखा अधिकारी, मुंबई / निवासी लेखा परीक्षा अधिकारी, मुंबई.
१७. उपसचिव (शिक्षण - १/विधयो/अर्थसंकल्प) सामाजिक न्याय यांचे खाजगी सचिव, मंत्रालय, मुंबई.
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22 June, 2012

Dear, Sh. Dinesh ji

As you are aware, presently there is a Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students at the Post Matric Level (i.e. class XI onwards), but there is no corresponding scholarship scheme for the Pre-Matric students.

2. The Government has now decided to introduce a new Centrally sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Scheduled Castes studying in Classes IX & X, with effect from 01.07.2012. The objective of the Scheme is to support parents of SC children for education of their wards studying in classes IX and X so that the incidence of drop-out, especially in the transition from the elementary to the secondary stage is minimized. A copy of the Guidelines of the Scheme is given at Annex-I. Major features of the Scheme are as follows:-

2.1. For being eligible under this Scheme, the student should

- (i) belong to Scheduled Caste and her/ his Parent/Guardian's income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh per annum.
- (ii) should not be getting any other Centrally-funded Pre-Matric Scholarship.
- (iii) should be a regular, full time student studying in a Government School or in a School recognized by Govt. or a Central/State Board of Secondary Education.

Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she / he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.

2.2. The value of scholarship includes the following for the duration of the course:-

(i) scholarship and other grants:-

Item	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Scholarship (Rs. p.m.) (for 10 months)	150	350
Books and Ad hoc Grant (Rs. p.a.)	750	1000

(ii) additional allowance for students with disabilities studying in private un-aided recognized Schools.

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2.3. The Scheme is Centrally Sponsored Scheme and will be implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which will receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for expenditure under the Scheme, over and above their Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of a State Government/Union Territory Administration for a year will be equivalent to the level of actual expenditure incurred by them under the Scheme during the terminal year of the previous Five Year Plan Period, and will be required to be borne by them by making provision in their own budget.

✓ 3. Many States/UTs are presently implementing Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme of some kind for SC students, from their own resources. If a State Govt. is already giving pre-matric scholarship to SC students of classes IX-X, it will have to either:

i) continue to provide scholarship at that rate, over and above the Scholarship under the proposed CSS,

or

✓ ii) if it chooses to reduce its own expenditure on its Scheme, utilize the saving so effected only on other educational programmes for SCs.

✓ 4. State Governments/UT Administrations will be expected to submit their complete proposals for CA under the Scheme by second quarter of each financial year which would be released to them, subject to fulfillment of all the conditions. Next year's claim will have to be accompanied with a Utilization Certificate along with Audited Statements for the previous year's Central Assistance. Unspent or unaccounted balance, if any, from the previous year's grant will be adjusted, while releasing the next year's grant.

5. State Governments/UT administrations are requested to give wide publicity to the provisions of the new Pre-Matric Scheme for SCs and take suitable steps to implement the same with effect from 01.07.2012.

It is also requested to send a complete proposal for availing Central assistance under the Scheme during 2012-13 on the proforma given at Annex-II, so as to reach the undersigned (by name), by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012, to enable the Ministry to release admissible Central assistance at the earliest.

With regards

Yours Sincerely,

*Sanjeev Kumar*  
(Sanjeev Kumar)

Encls: As above

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## SCHEME OF PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

(EFFECTIVE FROM 01-07-2012)

### 1. BACKGROUND

Article 46 of Part IV ("Directive Principles of State Policy") of the Constitution enjoins upon the State to promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. Article 38(2) of the same Part also enjoins upon the State to minimize inequities in income and to endeavour to eliminate inequalities in status, facilities and opportunities, not only amongst individuals but also amongst groups of people residing in different areas or engaged in different vocations.

### 2. OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the scheme are:

- (a) To support parents of SC children for education of their wards **studying in classes IX and X** so that the incidence of drop-out, especially in the transition from the elementary to the secondary stage is minimized, and
- (b) To improve participation of SC children in classes IX and X of the pre-matric stage, so that they perform better and have a better chance of progressing to the post-matric stage of education.

### 3. SCOPE

Scholarship under the Scheme will be available for studies in India only and will be awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant belongs i.e. where he is domiciled.

### 4. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Student should belong to Scheduled Caste.
- (ii) His/ her Parent/Guardian's income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh per annum.
- (iii) She / he should not be getting any other Centrally-funded Pre-Matric Scholarship.
- (iv) She/ he should be a regular, full time student studying in a Government School or in a School recognized by Govt. or a Central/State Board of Secondary Education.
- (v) Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one

year. If a student has to repeat a class, she / he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.

#### 5. ANNUAL PARENTAL/GUARDIAN'S INCOME

***Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only) per annum.***

NOTE 1: So long as either of the parents is alive, only income of the parents, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account only and of no other member even though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students whose parent's income is affected due to unfortunate death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such sad incidence takes place. Applications for scholarships from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate grounds.

NOTE 2: House rent allowance received by the parents of a student shall be exempted from the computation of 'income' if the same has been permitted to be exempted for the purpose of Income tax.

NOTE 3: Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year.

#### 6. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:-

- (i) scholarship and other grant,
- (ii) additional allowance for students with disabilities studying in private un-aided recognized Schools.

The details are as follows:

Rates of scholarship and other grant will be as follows:

Item	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Scholarship (Rs. p.m.) (for 10 months)	150	350
Books and Ad hoc Grant (Rs. p.a.)	750	1000

**(ii) Additional Allowances for SC students with disabilities studying in private unaided Schools**

Under the Centrally-sponsored Scheme of 'Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage' (IEDSS) implemented by the M/o HRD, assistance @Rs.3000/- p.a. is already being given under its "Student Oriented Component" to students with disabilities studying at the Secondary stage in Govt., local body and Govt. aided schools. However, students in un-aided schools are not covered under IEDSS. Therefore, SC students with disabilities, studying in classes IX & X in private un-aided recognized schools, will be eligible for allowances under this Scheme, as follows:

<b>Allowances for students with disabilities studying in Private un-aided Schools</b>	<b>Amount (In Rs.)</b>
(i) <u>Monthly Reader Allowance for Blind students</u>	160
(ii) <u>Monthly Transport Allowance for students with disabilities</u> (as defined in the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995), if such students do not reside in the hostel which is within the premises of the Educational Institution.	160
(iii) <u>Monthly Escort Allowance for Severely Disabled</u> (i.e. with 80% or higher disability) Day Scholars/Students with low extremity disability	160
(iv) <u>Monthly Helper Allowance</u> admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopaedically handicapped student residing in the hostel of an Educational Institution who may need the assistance of a helper.	160
(v) <u>Monthly Coaching Allowance to Mentally Retarded and Mentally ill Students</u>	240

**Note:** The disability as defined under the Persons with disabilities (equal opportunities, Protection of rights and full participation Act, 1995) Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration

**7. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

- (i) All eligible Scheduled Caste candidates will be given scholarships as prescribed in this Scheme.
- (ii) Candidates belonging to one State but studying in another State will be awarded scholarships by the State to which they belong and will submit their applications to the competent authority in that State.

**8. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS**

(i) The scholarship will be payable for 10 months in an academic year.

(ii) The award once made will continue subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed for Class X after the student passes Class IX.

#### 9. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

(i) Scholarship is payable from 1<sup>st</sup> April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including scholarship during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.

(ii) In case of renewal of scholarship, it will be paid from the month following the month upto which scholarship was paid in the previous year.

(iii) The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration, to which they belong, in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard, will pay the scholarship money to the selected students.

#### 10. CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF THE AWARD

(i) The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the student. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution/School at any time that a student has by reasons of his/her own act of default failed to make satisfactory progress or has been guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance without the permission of the authorities concerned etc., the authority sanctioning the scholarship may either cancel the scholarships or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.

(ii) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statements, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered, at the discretion of the concerned State Government/ UT Administration. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.

(iii) A student is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the State Government/ UT Administration, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.

## 11. PUBLICITY OF THE SCHEME & INVITING APPLICATIONS

11.1 The Scheme will be implemented through State Governments/U.T. Administrations. All the State Governments/UT Administrations will, at the appropriate time, suitably publicise the Scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in local language, in the leading newspapers of the State and through their respective websites and other media outfits. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority, as mentioned below before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

11.2 State Govt. would prescribe a suitable application form in the local language and place it on its websites. School authorities will get these forms filled by the eligible students and send them to Block / District level authorities. State Governments/UT Administrations will delegate powers to sanction scholarships under the scheme to appropriate District / Block level authorities/ Heads of Institution, as appropriate.

## 12. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(i) An application for scholarship should comprise:

- (a) One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form (separate application forms as have been prescribed for 'fresh' and renewal scholarship by concerned States/UTs).
- (b) One copy of the passport size photograph with signatures of the student thereon (for fresh scholarship).
- (c) A certificate (in original) of Caste duly signed by an authorized Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
- (d) An income declaration by the self-employed parents/guardians, stating definite income from all sources by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and for any additional income from other sources, they would furnish declaration by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.
- (e) A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year on the form attached to the application only duly counter-signed by the Head of the Institution/School concerned, if the applicant was in receipt of a scholarship under this scheme in the preceding year.

(ii) Application complete in all respects, shall be submitted to the Head of the Institution/School, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be forwarded by the Head of Institution, after scrutiny and with his



recommendation, to the sanctioning authority, mentioned in para 11.2.

### **13. MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP**

In order to ensure timely and correct payment of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries, State Governments/UT administrations should ensure payment of scholarship through their accounts in post offices/banks. All State Govts/UT Administrations will implement a computerized management system of scholarships, including 'e-payment' system.

### **14. PATTERN AND CONDITIONS OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE(CA)**

**14.1** The Scheme is Centrally Sponsored Scheme and implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which will receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for expenditure under the Scheme, over and above their Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of a State Government/Union Territory Administration for a year will be equivalent to the level of actual expenditure incurred by them under the Scheme during the terminal year of the previous Five Year Plan Period, and will be required to be borne by them by making provision in their own budget.

**14.2** Many States/UTs are presently implementing Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme of some kind for SC students, from their own resources. If a State Govt. is already giving pre-matric scholarship to SC students of classes IX-X, it will have to either:

i) continue to provide scholarship at that rate, over and above the Scholarship under the proposed CSS,

or

ii) if it chooses to reduce its own expenditure on its Scheme, utilize the saving so effected only on other educational programmes for SCs.

**14.3** Upto 1.5 % of total Central expenditure towards Scholarship, would, be utilized on administrative expenditure, Management, Monitoring & Evaluation etc. The funds would be utilized for this purpose, by the Central Govt. or it would be released to States/UTs, over and above the Scholarship amount, on the basis of proposals received from them in this regard. However, no new posts would be created under this component.

### **15. TRANSFER OF COMMITTED LIABILITY TO STATES/UTs**

As per the existing practice, committed liability in such Schemes gets transferred to the States/UTs during the first year of the succeeding plan period. Since this Scheme has been introduced during the last year of XI Plan i.e. 2011-12, committed liability would be transferred, for the first time, to State Govts/UT Admns at the end of XII Five Year Plan i.e. w.e.f. 1.4.2017.

## **16. PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING AND RELEASE OF CA**

**16.1** CA will be released to the States/UTs, in two installments. First installment of CA would be released on ad-hoc basis, as far as possible, during the second quarter of the year (April- June) subject to satisfactory utilization of Central assistance, released in the past, if any. State Governments/UT Administrations will be expected to submit their complete proposals for CA under the Scheme by 30<sup>th</sup> September each year which would be released to them, subject to fulfillment of all the conditions, by 31<sup>st</sup> December. Next year's claim will have to be accompanied with a Utilization Certificate along with Audited Statements for the previous year's CA. Unspent or unaccounted for balance, if any, from the previous year's grant will be adjusted, while releasing the next year's grant.

**16.2** State Governments/ UT Administrations will be expected to ensure timely and regular disbursement of scholarships to students through Bank /Post office accounts, preferably on monthly basis. Pending release of CA, the scholarships would be expected to be paid out of the State Budget, against which reimbursement can be claimed. In no case the disbursement of the scholarship to students should be held up due to any delay in the release of CA.

## **17. MONITORING**

State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will:

- i) furnish data of beneficiaries and expenditure under the scheme, to Government of India, regularly in the Quarterly Progress Reports whose proforma would be separately prescribed. Financial assistance given under the scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.
- ii) make beneficiaries database which may be integrated with UIDAI by (a) embedding Aadhaar numbers (UID numbers) in it, (b) using the UIDAI enabled bank account (UEBA) for crediting the scholarships and (c) using the UIDAI authentication services for beneficiary identification.
- iii) ensure that an institution-wise list of awardees, with necessary particulars, for award of scholarships is displayed on the web-site of NIC at District level.
- iv) designate Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs) at the State and District levels to redress students' scholarship-related grievances.

## **18. CHANGE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHEME**

The provisions of this Scheme can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

**FORMAT FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS/UTs FOR SEEKING CENTRAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SCHEME OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC STUDENTS**